Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 1, 2014

President: Regina Schinker
Vice President: Patti Adams
Secretary: Sherri Rivers
Treasurer: Tereasa Hufstedler
Deputy Treasurer: Pam Cook
Club/Specialty representatives:
Desperados representative: Kris Barga
Competitive Trail representative: Chris Smith

Call to Order/Pledges

Sign in/Roll Call for Votes  16 voters. We have quorum.
Regina Schinker, Patti Adams, Tereasa Hufstedler, Pam Cook & Sherri Rivers, Kathy Zelms, Jaye, Nevins, Scott Miracle, Connie Miracle, Diane Zinsmaster, Lisa DeLeo, Norma Swiakawski, Bobbi Jo Nweland, Shirel Hart, Nancy Hofstra, Tammy Hughes, Kelly Trail.

Secretary's Report. (minutes). Distributed copies of Patti's minutes from March. Kathy Z asked if the tape recorder was found. It disappeared after last meeting. At the end of the meeting as most people had left, Eva asked for help moving tables in the other room. Apparently it got moved and Patti didn't take the recorder home with her. Brenda wonders if it got put in with trophies. Shirel mentioned that HC should replace it as it belonged to Sherri not HC. Patti said she purchased a new one. $60. Therefore the minutes are not exact.

There was discussion that we did not have quorum and Diane Z thinks we should have proxy voting. Eva stated that we must follow constitution and that proxy isn't an option. It was determined by Scott Miracle that we do in fact have a quorum. Regina stated that teen leaders are not considered part of the quorum but are extra votes for each club.

Motion to accept minutes by Shirel. 2nd Julie Stoll.

Correspondence. Jaye wanted letters that were submitted but not read that were from January in regards to KQ Royalty changes. They were not read in January. Secretary, Sherri Rivers stated that she had not received letters in January. Eva stated she gave letters to Sherri. Sherri was not present at January meeting. No one from HC received these letters. One was from Amy Taylor, dated Jan 24, addressed to Eva and Horse Council. Regina responded that board never received them. The other letter was not addressed to Horse Council, dated January 26, to Eva & Royalty Committee. Eva stated that she gave letters to Sherri. Sherri stated that she only received one letter, from Peggy Bender, after we passed correspondence on agenda. She asked Peggy if she wanted letter read. Peggy said no because we had already covered the letters concerns during the meeting.

After reviewing audio from February, Sherri confirmed that when asked by Regina, Eva stated she had no correspondence in February for secretary to read. Later during discussion regarding parents of KQ Royalty Court, Regina again asked if Eva knew of parents views or results of poll Kathy took from parents. She again stated no except for a letter from Amy. Amy was present at this February meeting. She stated Eva had not responded to her letter. Eva agreed that she had not responded. Jaye gave Sherri a copy of the letters.

Treasurers Report/Bills to be Paid given by Patti Adams as Tereasa was not in attendance.

Beg bal $4885.73
K Zelma's $70, added check back in #1614 11.92, march interest .21 bal $4827.86

Brenda motioned to approve, Shirel 2nd. Treasurers report passed.

Additions to the Agenda see new/old business. See public comment.
Public comment. Diane is thrilled that we are changing King Queen contest it needed it. She would like the committee to revisit and rethink and redo at another time than state qualifier time. Focus should be on State Qualifier. And there needs to be pattern in the comp. Let kids pick their speciality. She thinks the kids shouldn’t have to share court time.

Jaye agrees with Diane.

Connie. Thing that upset Rachael was that she felt like people thought she had under un-sportsmanship conduct. She thinks there should be one court this year.

Julie Stoll. Nobody intended to make her (Rachael) feel that way. I don’t believe it was anyone at the meeting to make her feel that way.

Pam agrees. Unfortunately it was a night of tragedies because there were several other people that felt attacked.

Kathy wanted it to be skipped this year and stated so at the December meeting and that would give us time to revisit next year. Which would give us time to figure out a better way to do this. I think we should start over and not do a new court next year.

Julie Stoll. We already voted on these changes and they passed so why are we discussing this again.

Sherri Rivers, if we skip a year there will be a whole group of kids that will be unable to participate this next year. What do you do with the kids who will age out or for another reason are unable to compete the following year.

Diane appreciates the good conversation regarding this issue.

Regina sees it a little differently. Maybe because I’m old fashioned. But I was in 4-h for years and years All I hear is people talking about individuals instead of promoting the program which is what being on that court is all about.

Tammy Hughes. It’s not about promoting yourself and if they are in it for the right reason then they would want to embrace the new kids coming in and they would help figure out a way to make it positive for everyone. Focusing on those that are upset is just creating chaos. We are not going to please everyone. We have to look at it as adults and to put this in perspective.

Regina. We have this program in place and Kathy has had this program in place to promote this 4-h program not to promote individuals. So why are we beating it to death?

Diane. Do we have enough Signs for fair? Regina. Not yet but there will be. Tammy -my child was on court last year and she didn't have a sign and that isn't important. It is about our horse program period.

Jaye Nevins. I agree with Tammy. When we make change it changes but I think we need to take a year off. It going to affect some kids. The kids deserve to have their own court.

Norma. I'm not sure where this is going or the purpose of this. We have already voted on this.

Julie Stoll I agree. It's done. Let's move on. You can't please everyone. Please move on.

Patty Schneeberger. I want to clarify that the kids that won in 2013 have not gotten the awards yet but they will get Sept?

Regina, No not this year they should have already gotten them but the meeting was cancelled do to weather. They will get them in April. They will get to wear their jackets starting now. And the 2014 court will get their awards in June 2014.

Regina. We have lack of vision and mission statement. Going forward committee needs to decide what is the mission statement for the King Queen Court. What should be the court be doing and what their role is.

Patti I have listened to comments we discussed. None of us meant to step on toes. We said at that time that it was all about presentation. Unfortunately the presentation that went out to parents and or court was very poor.

For a leader to send out a letter that stated, "I don't know if you've heard about the new improvements for the King Queen contest that was passed at the horse council meeting Tuesday night but it seems that the contest will now be at the State Qualifier in June. There will be a test and interview but now your five classes will be used instead of a demonstration and the kids will be crowned at
that time. Interjecting I have no problem with them changing the contest, however, I could not get them to realize that there are already is a court for 2014 and we should skip this June and start in 2015. Apparently the feeling was that the present court wouldn't mind sharing the spot light with another member with the same title. And if we skipped this year another member wouldn't be able to go out for Queen because this was their last year. However, this said member, was not in the contest this past July."

Patti, That was a personal attack on my daughter and yes I am very angry about it Kathy.

Kathy, I did not send this letter to the members. It did go to the Royal Court parents.

Patti, it went to the court. We all said the presentation was important when we voted. It did not need to be addressed in that manner. We specifically said that if we present it properly to the court they would be more willing to accept it. It wasn't.

Eva said. "We are not going down this road."

Diane Z, Megan didn't see that. I got it as a parent of court.

Patti. This letter and others also went to Michigan State about this that stated that we are all really bad people. I am furious that leaders would recommend that parents should write to MSU and complain about Horse Council. Kathy presented it wrong. I don't care if we table it for a year. We can revoke. I don't believe that any of us wanted to hurt any of these kids.

Diane. I don't think so either.

If the entire council wants to reconvene and vote on this to table it because it would be better for all I have no problem with that.

Regina. Ok public comment is done.

Specialty Area Reports:

Cloverbud: Pam We are going to have fun this summer.

Competitive Trail: Tereasa not here.

Dressage: Sharon not here.

Driving: Bobbi. Wants to send out something to all leaders and driving participants about getting thoughts and opinions about reorganizing the show bill for the fair since we have added and made adjustments to the classes. Just to get ideas and feedback on how to make the show run safer and be a lot more convenient for kids that participate in it. I want to put an idea together on possibly what the showbill would look like and a revised one and send it out and get everyone's thoughts and opinions and hopefully vote on it at the next meeting.

Regina this is for Tuesday's Driving show at fair?

Bobbie Jo. Yes because we have combined the large ponies and light horse classes and added more mini classes due to the sizes. So we broke those up. I just want to change the order of the day and see what kids and parents think. Because I have concerns about safety issues that could be changed with this.

Regina agrees that feedback is also good. What does everyone else think? Board agrees.

Regina is concerned that it could be a problem with people complaining. ie KQ. Everyone agreed that there is ample time to notify kids and parents.

Jaye stated that it's Bobbi Jo's program and it should be her choice.

Bobbi Jo. What I am thinking is that we have in hand classes first, then break, then large pony/horse then draft. Pleasure, light horse, pleasure draft then reinmanship for light horse and draft, then light horse showmanship and draft showmanship, then ride and drive for pony light horse and draft. Lunch break and then minis. Obstacle and grand championship at end. So that kids don't have to wait so long between classes.

Norma Swiatawski thinks this is a cool idea. Because this would help prevent horses being tied to trailer while still hitched to cart.
Regina. It sound like this was well thought out and a great idea. Just do it.

Kathy Z make the showbill the way you want it and everyone should be fine with it.

Bobbi Jo. This will also give us time to drag.

Gymkhana: Shirel workouts are on website. FYI. Fair parade will be first Sunday of fair instead of during gymkhana show.

Horse Bowl/judging: Tammy Hughes - Work done expect for April 12 comp. kids are ready. They are really solid. Money for entries covered by horse council. Already voted on several months ago. They had two farm visits last weekend. Met every week all winter.

Jumping: Kelli. Workout dates turned in but not on website yet.

Reining: Kasara work out dates on website.

Old Business:
Relay for life. Too big a job this year. Ashley is working nights and Diane is filling in for her.

Special Committee Reports
State Qualifier June 27/28/29: Connie. Show bill on line, sign up sheets request for fundraiser for each show. Points on show bill don't want repeat of last year when people were unaware. Add prairie pony in hand award. Connie will change and give to Tonya.

Sherri Rivers. Also show chair needs to fill out fundraiser request form for Eva located on home page website for each show.

Patti. Also Connie can you check to be sure the points available at each of these shows is on show bill too. Add Prairie Pony Award info. Connie will get changes to Tonya.


Driving show bill July 13. Bobbi Jo has changes to be emailed out. Size of classes changed.

Gymkhana Fundraiser July 26: Shirel. Committee still needs award for 20 & and over classes. Looking for ways to make it better. We have 27th too that is open for something. We are paying for insurance for all weekend.

KQPP: Kathy. We have proposal from March that needs to be voted on. It reads: The State Qualifer will be stopped at 2 pm for the kids to take test. The interviews will be Saturday from 8- to 10 and 3 to done by trail judge. members showing on Sunday will need to come on Saturday to complete this segment of the contest. Proposed awards will be non size specific such as tiaras, sashes, halter, bridle bags, for Horse Council to decide. Contest results will be announced the Sunday of show not before _____pm so that kids not showing on Sunday can come back. It they need not be present.

Shirel brought up the fact that there should have been an email to everyone with the proposal. Diane. What about Friday pm.

Patti - no judges there Friday.

Kathy - we need to have discussion and vote.

Patty Schneeberger - I have question. Aren’t we jamming too much in at once. Can't we have it on its own day as before? You are asking the kids to do three separate things. I think it’s nice for them to be able to concentration on each of these things.

Julie Stoll-We already voted on it and it passed.

Regina - It's also a money saving issue. We also want to give more recognition to those participating and hope to have more participate by combining. These two shows.

Sherri- Why not have it on the open Sunday after gymkhana show?

Regina - at this point we have proposal and are looking for a motion to vote.

Norma - made motion to vote, Julie Stoll 2nd.

Regina -called for ballot vote.


Diane - I propose that the committee meets get new proposal to present. Jaye 2nd.

Vote is on rescind December vote. No new 2014 June kq show court no new contest. 5 yes 2 abstained, 9 no. Committee will add Diane and re meet to details of facility of kq at sq. Kathy will hold new committee meeting to compile new proposal. Add Diane. Patty Schneeberger suggest that it is open for anyone.

April 21 kq committee meeting 7 pm

Regular Committee Reports


Judge Hiring: Julie Bruce. Not present. Eva has discrepancies that need fixing. Patti will help. Awards: Connie. 2 meetings, she wasn’t in attendance no report, Brenda, just picked out trophies. Patti, counted ribbons, just need partials in ribbons. Didn’t pick out grand and reserve. Do same as last year. Showmanship, drive gymkhana, pony horse. Special ribbons ordered.

New Business:
2. Fair Dressage Show. What day of fair? Sharon wants on Monday, or Tuesday. Jaye suggested Wednesday Patti will check with Bill at fairgrounds. Still need judge also.

Eva's Updates:
1. donation packets. Due. She needs them. Who has Charles Kline donor. Tr phone number. He passed away. Don't call.
2. Guy has old 4h horses wants to give away. Diane has kid that needs horse.
3. Speciality areas need updating. Update and give to Tonya.
4. letter of intents and horse sign ups. Everyone take 1.
5. Anyone sell fruit?
6. Youth Council live June 28 silent auction and toy & tractor show also 5k run too on sq show date.
7. No control over state web page. Check out www.stjosephcountmi4h.wordpress.com. This is our new LOCAL website!

Scott Miracle was at YC meeting. Dr smolarz got three phone calls for donations. Still have volunteer work dates at tsc several dates open. Tammy thought too many people there. Need just a few that make a good presentation. Paper clovers sale starting April 23- May 4. Asking for someone there every night to help.

Diane. Next Saturday coggins, & vaccine, dental, massage, etc. at TSC. 9 am - 1pm Eva said Diane could collect donations for paper clovers. She could get a lot of donations.

Adjournment. Diane motioned to adjourn Julie 2nd. all in favor yes.

There were many more comments that occurred simultaneously at several different times during this meeting that are impossible to document. Please remember to be courteous and let each person have their time to talk.

Minutes done by Sherri Rivers HC Secretary 2014.